

## NEVADA'S 2014-15 SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT TIMELINE

<b>March 12, 2015</b>	The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) is advised by Smarter Balanced to postpone the March 16 <sup>th</sup> start of our testing window due to a challenge in providing our vendor, Measured Progress (MP), with the computer code needed to run the computer adaptive nature of the Smarter assessment. NDE advises districts that the test window will open on March 30 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>March 16, 2015</b>	Scheduled opening of Smarter Balanced test window.
<b>March 30, 2015</b>	Delayed opening of Smarter Balanced test window. Several small districts begin testing without incident.
<b>April 15, 2015</b>	A high volume of test takers causes MP's system to halt. NDE suspends statewide CRTs for English language arts and math due to MP's computer server problems.
<b>April 15, 2015</b>	Measured Progress released a statement acknowledging delays in Smarter Balanced testing and announced it is "working around the clock" to deliver the Smarter Balanced assessments.
<b>April 16, 2015</b>	Limited testing resumes. Approximately 7,000 students participated in Smarter Balanced testing, but problems with the system continued. MP conducted performance testing on a new system code and districts were instructed to conduct limited testing on April 17 <sup>th</sup> .  Superintendent Erquiaga meets with Attorney General Adam Laxalt and his staff to discuss possible legal remedies.
<b>April 17, 2015</b>	NDE announces that testing can resume on April 20 <sup>th</sup> . District superintendents and the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) are advised that they may request to administer a paper and pencil test. Superintendent Erquiaga declares a statewide irregularity in test administration.
<b>April 20, 2015</b>	Testing resumes in Nevada and approximately 27,000 students in Nevada test without interruption before the system starts generating error messages. Superintendent Erquiaga issues Guidance Memorandum #15-02 to districts and the SPCSA regarding the irregularity in testing administration.
<b>April 21, 2015</b>	Superintendent Erquiaga announces that he notified MP and Smarter Balanced they are in breach of contract for failure to deliver Nevada's CRTs in accordance with the provisions of their State contracts.
<b>May 1, 2015</b>	In an attempt to resume testing at full capacity in Nevada, MP plans to use the test platform maintained by American Institutes for Research (AIR). MP and/or AIR cause an unauthorized communication from AIR to Nevada educators, resulting in confusion.

Superintendent Erquiaga and Clark County School District Superintendent Skorkowsky speak with U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan about Nevada's ongoing challenges with MP and Smarter Balanced.

- June 12, 2015** The Smarter Balanced testing window officially closes.
- June 18, 2015** The NDE announces that, at most, approximately 30% of students who were expected to take the Smarter Balanced assessment were able to successfully complete the entire assessment.
- August 11, 2015** The Nevada Board of Examiners approves a contract between the NDE and CTB/McGraw-Hill to deliver the State's student assessment system, including the Smarter Balanced assessments. The new contract replaces prior testing vendor, MP.
- August 13, 2015** The NDE sends a memorandum to district superintendents and directors to provide an update on status of all statewide assessments. The memo announces that Smarter Balanced test reports were expected by August 31.
- August 24, 2015** Attorney General Laxalt announces settlement of more than \$1.2 million with Measured Progress.
- September 3, 2015** Steve Canavero, Deputy Superintendent of Student Achievement, provides assessment update at State Board of Education meeting and announces that test data has not been received from MP.